San Diego DX Club Bulletin

March 2011

Is our next "new one" going to be a "recycle"?

Meeting program:
The Micro-Lite Pacific DXpedition DVD
Raoul Island, KERMADEC 2006
Filmed & Produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC

Meeting notice:
Join us at the SIZZLER
Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
Wednesday February 23, 2011
Social hour, 5:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
Meeting, 6:30 P.M

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The Prez Sez . . . .

Gayle Olson **K6GO**

What a fabulous SDDXC meeting we had on January 26, 2011. We were visited by the following members of the **Club de Radio Experimentadores de Baja California**: XE2FG, Francisco, CREBC Presidente; XE2SI, Juan, FMRE Presidente; WE2EL, Frederico, CREBC Past Presidente; XE2DA, Ricardo, CREBC & FMRE Treasurer; XE2/N6KZB, Mike CREBC & FMRE member.

We learned that the club started in 1932. They have the QSL cards to back up the claim. In 1946 their club incorporated. There are 3400 XE hams in México and it costs $25 to join the FMRE which is the equivalent of the ARRL. Additionally there are 30 members in their CRECB local club. They meet once a week on Monday nights at 19:00 to conduct business and hold classes for new hams. Once a month they conduct a swap meet and operation of the club station, which they own as well as the property it is located on approximately 1.4 miles south east of Tijuana. They also attend a daily breakfast gathering.

In Mexico there are four classes of amateur radio license, and the difference is allocated by power output. They are working on consolidating to two classes consisting of first class and general class with CW being optional.

When it comes to XE permits, there is no direct reciprocal agreement. Our guests, who are now our new friends, assured us that they are trying to make reciprocal licensing happen for the future. All permits come from Mexico City and Juan, XE2SI, promised to help us. Licensing has at least improved from six months to a one year permit for $90. If we come south we can use their repeaters without a permit. We merely need to identify ourselves as XE2/ US call.

Then the topic of operating in contests in Mexico was brought up. It was explained that in the past the concern was that the hams from the USA would have better equipment and more experience, therefore would outdo our neighbors to the south. We learned that there are no official rules concerning 51% of operators being Mexican. US hams can operate as long as an XE operator is there. When there was a complaint, it had to be justified. Regarding future contests, our guests were extremely warm and inviting. They will help us get the proper permit to operate. They did caution that we need to allow them a significant amount of time. They are presenting WN6K an award of appreciation for working with them on contesting.

There was also some discussion of security and safety in Mexico. We were assured that the current drug cartel problems are far from the norm and that we would be very safe coming to visit the CREBC.

Our guests expressed how happy they were to be here at our SDDXC meeting and they invited us to come and visit them. I heard some plans being discussed to do just that. Then our club voted unanimously to make each of our XE2 guests honorary members of the San Diego DX Club. Let me express a warm welcome to our amateur radio brothers from Mexico.

Please see the photos on our SDDXC web site. We had a record attendance. Thanks to all of you for being there.

73,

Gayle

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS

Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2010	**$4,284.10**
Income:	
Member dues	500.00
Ending balance January 31, 2011	4,784.10
Petty cash	20.00
Total club funds	**4,804.10**
Legal fund:	20.25
Shirt and hat sales:	367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president Gayle, K6GO called the meeting to order at 6:30.

58 members and guests were present!

There are multiple members going on DXpeditions in the near future. Watch for (and work) PJ2T (K6AM), ZF2AM (K6AM), T31A (K6ZH), TJ9PF (N6OX). Bob T6PSE (N6OX) has at least one more trip planned later in the year.

Our program was presented by our guests from Club de Radio Experimentadores de Baja California. Please see the Presidents column for details.

A motion to contribute $150 to the T6PSE Afghanistan DXpedition was made and passed.

A motion to make XE2FB, XE2SI, XE2EL and XE2DA honorary members of the San Diego DX Club was made and passed.

The round table was filled with tales of the ones that couldn't be heard and the ones we managed to work, in addition to observations on propagation and station activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

We lost one of the Old Timers this month. San Johnson W6BS became a SK on January 15.

In response to the renewal notice K6QS writes " At 9 Feb I'm 94! Can't hear very good – DX over BUT NOT FRIENDSHIPS!! Miss K6DQ Bill Miller – No one to help techwise. 73 Ralph K6QS@webtv.net

As of 2/9/2011 we have 72 members and 15 that I haven't heard from.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS

2/11	2/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	W6YA	40	?	?	334	+3
2.	4.	N6ND	40	250	257	325	+4
3.	3.	N6AW	40	312	322	322	-
4.	6.	K6AM	40	312	319	320	-
5.	5.	N6CW	40	?	289	320	-
6.	7.	W6YOO	40	286	290	290	-
7.	8.	W6YI	40	257	263	284	+8
8.	9.	K6TQ	40	275	275	275	+14
9.	10	K6ZH	38	242	246	260	+1
10.	-	N7CW		203	203	254	NEW

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS

2/11	2/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	331	344	346	+4
2.	2.	N6ND	40	288	295	342	+4
3.	3.	K6AM	40	322	328	334	+4
4.	5.	N6AW	40	317	323	324	-
5.	6.	N6CW	40	?	276	323	-
6.	7.	K6XT	40	284	290	318	-
7.	10.	K6TQ	40	317	317	317	+23
8.	8.	N7CW	40	273	273	316	-
9.	9.	W6YI	40	294	298	315	+11
10.	-.	K6ZH	39	258	261	280	NEW

Sadly, we lost one of our top scorers on this list since last year. Wayne, W6EUF goes into the record books with a total of 332 on 10 meters and 327 on 40.

Some nice 4 point jumps in score come from those who reported their new PJ contacts. Don't be left behind, get your latest scores to me as soon as you have those new ones. Our 40 meter champ, Jim, W6YA holds on handily to the top spot as well as moving into number one on 10. He should be able to keep both for several more years. Ten, of course is sound asleep most of the time, but we will start seeing some action later this year. But 40 has been as good as ever. We should see a bit of movement here by next time as reports begin coming in.

Congrats this month go out to our 2010 Rookie of the Year, Wild Bill Wiederhold, WB6BFG. For the second year in a row, Bill worked more new ones than any other member with 72 in the plus column. Honorable mention goes to David Hendrick, K6JHD with 56. Good work, OM's!

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at http://www.sddxc.org or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John

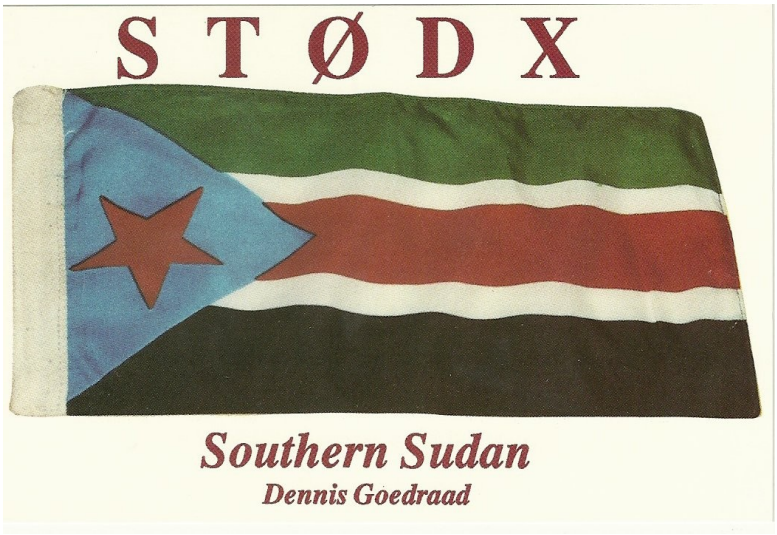
The Next New One?

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

Is it possible to "recycle" DXCC entities?

On Monday, the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission announced in Khartoum that 98.83% of the voters had backed independence. Voting for unity were 44,888, or 1.17%. Voting for separation were 3,792,518, or 98.83%. I haven't seen election results this one-sided since Richard J. Daley (the Senior) last ran for Mayor of Chicago.

The referendum was part of a 2005 peace agreement that ended two decades of violence between the north and oil-rich south. The conflict led to the deaths of 2 million people, many from starvation.



The original ST0 was activated regularly by DXpeditions from the outset. My own QSL collection includes ST2FF/ST0 by OH2BH and OH2MM in June, 1980; PA3CXC/ST0 in April, 1990; ST0YD by ST2YD in August, 1990; ST0DX by the Heard Island DX Association in January, 1991 (a QSL card from the 1991 ST0DX operation is nearby); and PA3CXC/ST0 again in April, 1993..

It is now expected that Southern Sudan (ST0), once a DXCC Entity starting May 1972 and deleted December 1994 will return. If Southern Sudan meets the current DXCC criteria and is added to the ARRL DXCC list it will be an all time new country according to the DXCC rules.

Deciding to jump the gun before an official announcement by the DXAC and the ARRL, the Intrepid-DX Group and the DX Friends have announced a DXpedition to Southern Sudan to start sometime following July 9th 2011 with the call ST0DX.

The Intrepid-DX Group is the group behind the 2010 YI9PSE, IRAQ DXpedition. The DX Friends were behind the 2006 S01R DXpedition to Western Sahara, the 2008 DXpedition to Rwanda as 9X0R, the 2009 DXpedition to Western Sahara as S04R, the 2010 DXpedition to Palestine as E4X and the 2010 DXpedition to San Marino as T70A.

ICOM America has agreed to be Global Radio Sponsor, while ACOM-K1LZ will provide the ACOM amplifiers for this operation.

The groups have applied for the call sign ST0DX, which they expect to see issued before the end of February following a meeting with the Government of Southern Sudan Mission in America.

ST0DX will be a major effort, with a target of more than 150,000 QSOs. There will be up to ten stations on the air, using amplifiers along with high performance beams and vertical dipole arrays, 24 hours a day, for almost three weeks.

The primary objective is to activate Southern Sudan with a view to giving as many DXers as possible a first contact with this new DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible.

The team will soon be seeking contributions from sponsors to help defray the very significant logistics costs of this DXpedition. For example, there is limited electricity in Southern Sudan so generators will have to be shipped.

Details of how to donate will appear on the ST0DX website. The logos of the DXpedition's sponsors will be printed on the QSL card, as will the names and calls of individual contributors of $100.00 or more.

73, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

From: Paul N6PSE
Co-Leader T6PSE DXpedition

Please tell us on what band/modes you need T6PSE during our May, 2011 DXpedition from Afghanistan:

http://www.intrepid-dx.com/t6pse/survey.php

To help satisfy the needs of all, we will operate in the General Class portion of the bands, particularly during the second half of our ten day operation.
Interested DXers can also follow T6PSE via Twitter, and can follow the adventures of the Intrepid-DX Group on Facebook.

March 2011 Contests				
Contest	**Start Date**	**Start Time**	**End Date**	**End Time**
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	25-Feb	2200Z	27-Feb	2159Z
ARRL DX Contest, SSB	5-Mar	0000Z	6-Mar	2400Z
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	26-Mar	0000Z	27-Mar	2400Z

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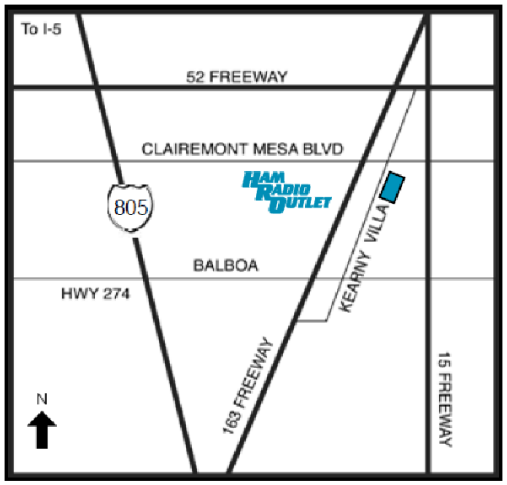

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Andaman Islands VU4PB March 15 - 31, 2011

Update from Prasad, VU2PTT on CWops reflector:

VU2PAI and VU2PTT are part of the **VU4PB** expedition to Port Blair from 15th to 31st March, 2011 under the aegis of ARSI, which is the IARU recognized national amateur radio organization in India.

A group of 17 operators will operating from 4 stations at separate locations in Port Blair. The group is looking for support. Contact: Prasad VU2PTT via email.

Email: **w2ptt@arrl.net**

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